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PRESS RELEASE

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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING

Placer County Sheriff's detectives arrested six more suspects Monday in a credit fraud scheme that spans the United States and involves more than 1,000 victims and the loss of more than \$400,000.

Detectives fanned out across Sacramento County and arrested the six suspects on charges of conspiracy, identity theft, burglary and grand theft. All are being held in the Placer County Jail on bail ranging from \$40,000 to \$75,000.

The ringleader of the group, Stefani Ruland, was arrested by Placer County detectives Sept. 11 after an investigation revealed that she had fraudulently obtained Wal Mart instant credit in the names of others and purchased more than \$400,000 in merchandise and gift cards from Wal Mart stores from Dixon to Redding.

Arrested Monday were: Kerry Michele Larson, 27, and Andrew Roy Cravens, 22, both of North Highlands; Robin Renee Bartholomew, 35, of Elverta; Nicole Lehuanani Clements, 34, of Roseville; Ryan Michael Price, 33, of Sheridan, and Phillip Daniel Bartell, 27, of Citrus Heights.

Additional fraudulently obtained items were recovered in Monday's arrest sweep. For more information, contact Sgt. Brian Whigam, (530) 889-7856 or the Sheriff's Department at (530) 889-7800.



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